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### **6-Way Border Battle**

The Collins track & field team got the indoor season off to a flaming start. They took a torch to the indoor school record book at the first 6-Way Border Battle in Kentucky history. This was a home meet for Collins at the Lisa H. Owens indoor 200 meter track at Centre College in Danville. As meet hosts, the Titans racked up four school records, tied one, and established two others.

The Border Battle pitted six teams of two combined teams against each other. Collins teamed with Shelby County to form Team Shelby.

The girls got out of the blocks first as the quartet of junior Sophie Bolin teamed with seniors Michele Burgess, Luci Renda, and Grace Nelson to break the school record in the distance medley relay. Their second place time of 14:35 chopped 24 seconds off the previous mark set at this meet last year.



(Photo: L. Bolin)

*Collins' school record setting DMR (L to R): Head Coach Sanderlin, Bolin, Burgess, Renda, Nelson, and Asst. Coach Fahay.*

Bolin came back later in the meet and demolished the very soft 1600 school record of 6:38 with a 5:58 mark which was good for seventh place. Burgess came back at the end of the meet and established the school mark in the 3200 with a 13:49 for fifth place.



Senior Claire Turpen tied both her personal record and the school record by scaling 4-6 in the high jump and finished sixth. The girls' 4 X 400 relay team of Sofia Leon, Luci Renda, Grace Evans, and Grace Nelson clocked the fifth fastest time in school history (4:35) for fifth.



*Collins' Claire Turpen tied her own school record of 4-6 in the high jump at the 6-Way Border Battle.*

On the boys' side, junior Casey Vaughn chiseled a few tenths off the 200 school record he set a year ago with a 26.21. In one of the most exciting finishes of the meet, sophomore Reece Delaney, fresh off a top ten finish at the Adidas Outdoor Nationals Freshman Mile, battled to the finish with two other athletes in the 1600. He was overtaken at the wire by Trinity junior Ryan Kimery (4:45.30) and South Oldham junior Rick Mshindi (4:45.32). Delaney finished in third with a 4:45.63 which obliterated the "soft" previous record of 5:24.



*Collins' Reece Delaney in the early stages of the 1600 at the Border Battle at Centre College.*





Seniors Nathan Janes, Chase Delaney, and Christian Olvera Lira also scored for Collins. Janes finished third in the pole vault (12-0) and fourth in the 800 (2:06.9). Delaney established the school record in the 3200 with a 11:11 for seventh. Olvera Lira, for the first time in his career, threw the 25-pound weight. His toss of 26-5 was good for sixth.



*Nathan Janes scores here in the pole vault. He also scored in the 800.*



*Christian Olvera Lira prepares to unleash the 25-pounder in the seldom contested weight throw.*



The Shelby County boys' 4 X 200 relay team finished third and freshman Donnie Wright ran the 400 in 53.94 for fourth place. Shelby County junior Grace Clary finished seventh in the 60 hurdles.

Collins Head Coach George Sanderlin said, "This was a great season opener with all the school records. Several of our athletes did not compete due to injury, so I know we can do better. This positions us well for the rest of the indoor season. We were excited to host this 6-Way Border Battle which pitted twelve teams against each other. This meet was historic for Kentucky since we broke our 5-Way Border Battle from last year with six combined teams this year."

The Titans' next indoor meet is the Louisville Indoor Games on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at the Norton SportsPlex in Louisville.

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